

inconsistency or even connection between the act of Government referred to and the opinion of the Committee.

(b) Government have no idea of introducing a graded system of reduction such as the one referred to in the question. The answer to the first part of the question does not therefore arise.

Land revenue remission—suspension of.

39. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen (*Kattur*).— Will the Government state:—

(a) have the Government taken any note of the passage in para 8 of the Antony Committee Report 'The supplementary measures proposed by him were reduction of land revenue. . . . We also agree that unless supplemented by other measures . . . mere reduction of interest rates may not bring any additional relief to the agriculturists;

(b) if so, why in the face of a demand for a permanent reduction of land tax, they suspended even the remission granted in the previous two years?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—(a) Yes.

(b) The Member is referred to pages 334—341 of the Council Proceedings IV C. L. C. Volume III, Part 3 dated 29th July 1936.

Agricultural indebtedness—relief measures.

40. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen (*Kattur*).—Will the Government be pleased to state what they have done to combat the agricultural indebtedness due to 'an increase of 300 per cent of the security of lands in terms of agricultural indebtedness' as admitted in the Diwan's Proceedings, dated 2nd March 1934?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—The Member is referred to the answer to sub-division (a) of Question No. 36.

Town Improvement Committee—Cranganur.

41. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).—Will the Government state:—

(a) whether on 15th August 1930 (full 6 years ago) a resolution reading

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was not withdrawn in this House as a result of its being fully accepted by the Government;

(b) whether the Government did not definitely state in the Council on the occasion under reference that they were willing to try the experiment;

(c) the series of steps that they have taken in promotion of (a) and (b)?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon (*Director of Public Health and Panchayats*).—(a) The resolution was withdrawn on Government replying that the proposal would be tried.

(b) Yes.

(c) No special steps were taken to constitute a board as such since on a reconsideration of the matter the Government found that it was not necessary in view of the existence of the Public Works, Panchayat, Public Health, etc., Departments to suggest the necessary improvements to the town and to satisfy the local needs.

42. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen (*Kattur*).— Will the Government state whether a resolution, viz.,

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discussed in the Council on the 15th August 1930 was withdrawn by the mover on the Government accepting it and what action has been taken to carry it out?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon (*Director of Public Health and Panchayats*).—The Member is referred to the answer to Question No. 41.

Suits—Panchayat Courts—I.I.I.I.

43. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty (*Pazhanji*).— Will the Government be pleased to state the number of suits filed in the various Panchayat Courts in the State in 1111?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon (*Director of Public Health and Panchayats*).—A statement is appended. (*Appendix I*).